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'A Letter from the Univerſity of *Oxford*, in 'Anſwer to that they receiv'd from the 'Paſtors and Profeſſors of *Geneva*, in- 'ſerted in the Courant of Saturday the '12th Inſtant. Of which we give the Original, as we did of the former, leſt we ſhould any where have miſtaken the preciſe Meaning of Pieces drawn up with ſo much Caution.

Viris plurimum Reverendis, Celeberrimis, Præſtantiſſimis, Eccleſiæ Genevenſis Paſtoribus, & Academiæ Profeſſoribus.
Genevam.

Viri Celeberrimi, Doctiſſimi, nobiſq; plurimum Colendi.

Literas veſtras a Rev. in Chriſto Patre Epiſc. Lond. ad nos tranſmiſſas læti accepimus; Academiæ huic perquam gratas, quod profectæ fuerint ab Academicis Pietate, Eruditione, atq; ardenti erga Religionem Reformatam ſtudio eximiis; adhuc tamen gratiores, quod a Sanctiſſimo illo Præſule nobis commendatæ venerint, quo nemo aut Eccleſiam Anglicanam paterno magis affectu fovet ac tuetur; aut exteras omnes, utcunq; locorum intervallis diſſitas, arctiſſimo tamen puriori fidei vinculo conjunctas, charitate magis fraterna proſequitur. Plurimas vobis, fratres in Chriſto dilectiſſimi, gratias agimus, quod eas ſuſpiciones, quas verba nonnulla, diverſum longe apud noſtros ac apud exteros homines ſententiam exprimentia, animis veſtris inſuderant, poſt mentem noſtram plenius patefactam, abſq; omni Cunctatione humaniſſime depoſuiſtis. Pergite, Viri optimi, ſicut facitis, nos Eccleſiamq; noſtram diligere, & de noſtra erga vos invicem benevolentia non dubitare; atq; hoc vobis perſuaſiſſimum habete, ſi quid forte ab aliquo e noſtris excideriſ, quod in Genevam aſperius dictum videatur, id non ad ullam aut Reipublicæ, aut Academiæ, aut Eccleſiæ Genevenſi dedecoris labem inurendam deſignatum fuiſſe; ſed ad ipſos ſolummodo e noſtratibus pertinuiſſe, qui cum ritus noſtros impugnant, cum Liturgiam contumeliis proſcindunt, cum a legitimis Eccleſiæ Anglicanæ cœtibus ſeſe ſegregant, cum ſchiſmaticos conventus celebrant, cum Diſciplinam apud nos tam civili quam Eccleſiaſtica authoritate ſtabilitam labefactare omni ope contendunt, in hiis hiſce ſceleribus, veſtrum nomen, ea qua ſunt audacia, prætendere non erubeſcunt. Quantum autem vos a turbulentis iſtorum hominum ingeniis conſiliiſq; abhorrentis, ſatis indicant plurima ex quæ in Theologorum veſtrorum Scriptis extant Eccleſiæ Anglicanæ præconia, quibus non leve pondus neceſſe eſt ex literis veſtris nuper ad nos allatis; quæ recens ſimul & gratiſſimum nobis exhibuerunt veſtræ erga Eccleſiam noſtram voluntatis Teſtimonium. Magni ſemper apud nos habebitur honorifica veſtra Eccleſiæ noſtræ comprobatio, quæ ſchiſmati apud nos late graſſanti finem ſtatem poneret, modo apud illos, qui a nobis diſſentiunt, veſtra tantum, quantum iam valere ſimulant, revera valeret authoritas. De rituum apud Eccleſias diverſus varietate, quæ veſtra uſe, viri illuſtriſſimi, eadem & noſtra ſemper fuit ſententia: Id enim in Liturgia noſtra, id in Religionis articulis, expreſſum reperietis, fas eſſe unicuiq; Eccleſiæ in ritibus præſcribendis jus ſuum in ſuis exercere, nefas eſſe ut altera alteram incuſet, quod ritus a ſuis diſcrepantes receperit. Alieniſſimum eſt a noſtra charitate, Eccleſiis illis Reformatis, quæ, ineluctabili neceſſitatis lege adactæ, a Primæva Epiſcopalis regiminis forma haud ſponte ſua receſſerunt, tanquam legitimis Paſtoribus, aut ſacramentis rite adminiſtratis penitus deſtitutis, rigida nimis cenſura ſtammare. A judicio hoc de Eccleſia veſtra ferendo longe ſemper abfuerunt e Theologis noſtris celeberrimi, qui peregre commorantes ſacris veſtris lubenter interfuerunt: Sed multum diſpar eſt Schiſmaticorum noſtrorum a veſtra cauſa, multum diverſa de noſtra iis ſententia, qui cum nulla neceſſitate compulſi

'To the very reverend, the moſt renown'd, and 'moſt worthy Paſtors of the Church, and Profeſſors 'of the Academy, of Geneva. at Geneva.

Moſt renown'd, moſt learn'd, and much honour'd.

YOUR Letter tranſmitted to us by the Reverend Father in Chriſt the Biſhop of London, was very welcome to us; it being very acceptable to this Univerſity, as coming from Members of an Academy eminent for Piety, Learning, and zealous Affection for the Reform'd Religion; but was yet the more agreeable, for being handed to us by that moſt holy Prelate, than whom none cheriſhes and defends the Church of England with more paternal Love, or bears more brotherly Affection towards all the Churches abroad, which how far ſoever disjoyn'd by Place, are united in the moſt inſeparable Band of the pureſt Faith.

We return you many Thanks, moſt dear Brethren in Chriſt, for that, when you were rightly inform'd of our Sentiments concerning you, you very readily and obligingly laid aſide thoſe Suſpicions, which ſome Terms, that are underſtood by Forreigners in a very different Sence from that they are us'd in among us, had rais'd in your Minds. Continue, moſt excellent Men, to love, as you do, Us and our Church; nor doubt of our mutual Affection for you: And reſt fully aſſur'd, that whatever may have drop'd from any one of us, that ſeems to bear too hard upon Geneva, was not intended to brand either the Republick, Academy, or Church of Geneva, with any Mark of Diſgrace; but was levell'd only againſt thoſe of our Nation, who while they attack our Rites, revile our Liturgy, ſeparate themſelves from the lawful Aſſemblies of the Church of England, and hold ſchiſmatical Congregations; while they uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to ſubvert the Diſcipline eſtabliſh'd among us, as well by Civil as Eccleſiaſtical Authority, are ſo abandon'd as without bluſhing to make Your Name a Cloak for theſe their wicked Practices. But how much you are averſe to the turbulent Diſpoſitions and Counſels of ſuch Men, ſufficiently appears from the very many Commendations of the Church of England, that are extant in the Writings of your Divines: To which no inconſiderable Weight is added by the Letter we lately receiv'd from you, which gives us a freſh and moſt acceptable Teſtimony of your good Will to our Church. We ſhall ever make great Account of your honourable Approbation of our Church, which Approbation would quickly put an End to the ſpreading Schiſm among us, had thoſe who diſſent from us that real Value for your Authority, which they would be thought to have.

As for the Diverſity of Rites in different Churches, we had always the ſame Opinion of it, moſt illuſtrious Men, that You have: For in our Liturgy, and in our Articles of Religion, you will find this expreſly declar'd; that 'tis lawful for every Church to exerciſe its Right over its own Members in preſcribing Rites; and that 'tis not allowable in one to blame another, for embracing different Rites from their own. Our Charity will not allow us, with too rigid a Cenſure to condemn thoſe reform'd Churches, which being conſtrain'd by unavoidable Neceſſity, departed involuntarily from the primitive Form of Epiſcopal Government, as tho' they were wholly deſtitute of lawful Paſtors, or had not the Sacraments rightly adminiſtred: The moſt eminent of our Divines, who when abroad willingly frequented your ſacred Ordinances, were always far from Paſſing this Judgment on your Church: But the Caſe of our Schiſmaticks is much unlike to Your's; and we make a very different Judgment of them; who not being

pulſi legitimæ Epiſcoporum authoritati ſeſe ſubtrahunt, Genevæ exemplum Perduellioni ſuæ obtendunt; veſtro Patrocinio adeo minime ſuffulti, ut Calvinus veſter illos qui talem Hierarchiam, *quali nos fruimur*, non revereantur ſummaq; obedientia obſervent, nullo non anthemate dignos *cenſuerit. Id ſane optandum erat ut antiqua illa Eccleſiæ per Epiſcopos gubernandæ ratio, quam Apoſtoli a Chriſto ipſo fidei noſtræ authore edocti, & pleniori ſancti Spiritus menſura perfuſi, inſtituerunt, per univerſum orbem Chriſtianum etiamnum vigeret: Hanc nos Diſciplinam authoritate pluſquam humana fundatam, ac divina Providentia per omnia quæ ab Apoſtolorum uſq; temporibus fluxerunt ſecula ad nos tranſmiſſam, non* ſine ſingulari Dei beneficentia *retinemus; quam quidem* beneficentiam Beza *veſter nobis optavit* perpetuam; *Nos viciſſim vobis ac reformatis omnibus Eccleſiis communem fore ardentiſſimis votis efflagitamus. Felicius certe Reformatorum res procederent, ſi qui eandem primævam fidem retinent, eandem etiam primævam diſciplinam amplecterentur; & meliori ſucceſſu bellum Papali Tyrannidi indictum gereretur, ſi contra impias, piiſq; omnibus deteſtandas Pontificiorum Innovationes conjunctis ſub antiqua Apoſtolici regiminis forma copiis Militaremus. Valeant apud Deum Optimum illæ, quas Vos pro Noſtra, Nos pro Veſtra fælicitate aſſidue fundimus preces: Chriſtus Ille, quem pro Sole & Scuto Veſtro habetis, lumen pariter ac præſidium Vobis Nobiſque propitius ſuppeditet; Eccleſias Reformatas plena tandem luce illuſtret, eaſque ab omnium undequaque inimicorum telis ſemper præſtet incolumes.*

Datæ Oxonii prid. Id. Febr. Anno Domini MDCCVI. In frequenti Convocatione Omnium Doctorum, ac Magiſtrorum tam Regentium, quam non Regentium.

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ing compell'd by any Neceſſity, withdraw themſelves from the lawful Authority of the Biſhops, and urge the Example of Geneva to cover their Rebellion, tho' they are ſo little countenanc'd by your Patronage, that your own *Calvin* judg'd *there was no Anathema too bad for thoſe who did not revere, and pay intire Obedience to ſuch a Hierarchy* as we enjoy.

It were to be wiſh'd indeed, that the ancient Manner of governing the Church by Biſhops, which was inſtituted by the Apoſtles who were taught by Chriſt himſelf the Author of our Faith and fill'd above the ordinary Meaſure with the Holy Spirit, did now flouriſh throughout the whole Chriſtian World. This Diſcipline, eſtabliſh'd by more than human Authority, and by divine Providence deliver'd down to us through all Ages from the Times of the Apoſtles, do we retain, *not without the ſingular* Goodneſs of *God*: Which *Goodneſs* Your *Beza* wiſh'd might be continued to us *for ever*; and which we in return moſt earneſtly pray may be extended in common to you and all the reform'd Churches. Doubtleſs the Affairs of the Reformed would proſper more, did thoſe who hold the ſame primitive Faith, embrace the ſame primitive Diſcipline: And the War declar'd againſt the Papal Tyranny would be carried on with better Succeſs, if with joynt Forces, under the ancient Form of the Apoſtolical Government, we oppos'd the impious, and to all good Men deteſtable Innovations of the Papiſts.

May the Prayers conſtantly put up, by You for Our Welfare, and by Us for Your's, be prevalent with Almighty God: May Chriſt, whom You look upon as Your *Sun and Shield*, mercifully grant Light and Protection to You and Us; may he at length fully inlighten the Reform'd Churches, and keep them ſafe on all ſides from the Inſults of all their Enemies.

Given at Oxford, the 14th of February, in the Year of our Lord 1706, in a numerous Convocation of all the Doctors, and Maſters, as well Regent as others.

Falmouth, April 19. Here are coming in the Cambridge Captain Littleton Commadore, the Seaford, and Fubbs Yacht, having on board the Earls of Rivers and Eſſex, and ſeveral other Officers. They came from Lisbon the 2d Inſtant, and report, that Sir Cloudſley Shovell detach'd the 30th of March 12 Engliſh and 10 Dutch Men of War under Sir George Bing, with 2000 Land Forces, for Alicant, viz. 1100 Dutch and 900 Portugueſe, with Ammunition, &c. They add, that a Fleet of Merchant Ships were to Sail from Lisbon for England, 4 or 5 Days after they came away; with a ſtrong Convoy. That on the 15th Inſtant, 10 Leagues Weſt from Uſhant, they fell in with 7 French Men of War, which chas'd them for ſome time, and one of them of above 50 Guns came up with the Cambridge and exchang'd 3 broad-ſides with her, and then having loſt her Topmaſt, ſheer'd off: This Day they ſaw 3 others off the Lizard, but did not come very near them.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Thurſday, being the 24th of April, will be preſented an Opera, call'd, Camilla; all Sung after the Italian manner.

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AN Entertainment by Mr. CLINCH of BARNET, who Imitates the Flute, Double Curtell, the Organ with 3 Voices, the Horn, Huntſman and Pack of Hounds, the Sham Doctor, the Old Woman, the Drunken Man, the Bells: All Inſtruments are perform'd by his natural Voice. To be ſeen this preſent Evening at 7 a Clock at the Croſs-Keys in St. John's-ſtreet, Smithfield. Price 1 s.

Loſt off from a Watch on Tueſday laſt, a Triangle Seal, cut on a Corniſh Diamond ſett in Silver gilt, the Impreſſion on one ſide is a Coat of Arms, a Feſſe between two Gimels wavy, on another a head, and on the third an Altar with three Hearts, and a Cupid with one in his Hand, and a Motto round it, Toutenvous, loſt with it a Locket of a Corniſh Diamond ſett like a Roſe, and another hair Locket in ſhape of a Heart. Whoever brings them to Mr Mead Goldſmith in Fleetſtreet, ſhall have a Guinea Reward or proportionable for any Part.

Juſt Publiſh'd,

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There being a ſmall Quantity of the true Balſam of Cathay left, which hath been found ſo effectual for many Years in immediately eaſing all Gouty and Rheumatick Pains, and aſſwaging the Swellings thereof in a very ſhort Time, is continued to be Sold only at Maſon's Coffee-houſe in Bartholomew-lane behind the Royal Exchange, at 2 s. 6 d. per Box with Directions.

A Collection of valuable Books in Greek, Latin, Italian, &c. to be Sold by Retail this preſent Thurſday the 24th of April, at the 3 Sugar Loaves in St. James's Church Paſſage, and will continue this Week till all are ſold. Catalogues may be had at P. Varenne's Bookſeller in the Strand and G. Strahan's in Cornhill.

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